

unusual activity of spies and persons employed by spies.

#### No Change in Months.

"There hasn't been a change in the wiring at the Executive Mansion for many months," Mr. Claggett said. "Such a thing as a private line extending from there is not known. Before Mr. Wilson's marriage there was a private line extending to Mrs. Galt's residence in Nineteenth street. After the marriage this was disconnected."

"There never has been a complaint regarding 'leaks' over the telephone, from the White House."

#### HAY FILM TO BE SHOWN

"Man Who Forgot" Will Appear Week of January 15.

The photoplay adaptation of "The Man Who Forgot," written by James Hay, Jr., a former member of the staff of The Times, is to be shown in this city the week of January 15. The play has special interest for Washington not only because it was written by a Washington man, but because many of its scenes were produced here.

One of the most important of the scenes was made a short time ago at the east front of the Capitol building. The local churches and the Anti-Saloon League and other temperance organizations co-operated with the World Film Company, which produced the picture. In making the scenes here a success. The most spectacular feature is the parade of the "prohibition army" which the hero has organized, through the streets of Washington to the Capitol where he makes an address from the Capitol steps. Five thousand of the best known church workers and temperance advocates of the District appear in the scene of the picture. Robert Warwick plays the leading role. He is supported by a cast that includes Doris Kenyon and Gerda Holmes and many others.

#### VETERANS INSTALL OFFICERS.

Officers were installed by James A. Garfield Post, No. 7, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., at the hall, 1101 E street northwest, on Friday. John M. Young and William M. Potter conducted the installation.

The following officers were elected: William M. Potter, commander; Robert Harleston, senior vice commander; John E. Bristol, junior vice commander; William Ziriax, adjutant; John M. Young, quartermaster; Thomas Calver, surgeon; H. G. Richardson, chaplain; John Connelly, officer of the day; William M. Potter, patriotic instructor; Thomas B. Nolan, officer of the guard; A. H. Frear, sergeant major; George B. French, quartermaster sergeant; Robert Harleston, and William Ziriax, delegates; Henry Boyer and W. W. Davis, alternates; Thomas Calver, memorial committee, and John M. Young, relief committee.

#### THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia—Fair tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness Monday; not much change in temperature; lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees; fresh, west winds.

Maryland—Fair tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness; Monday, not much change in temperature; lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees; fresh, west winds.

Virginia—Fair tonight, Monday unsettled, followed by probably rain in extreme west portion; fresh, west winds.

#### Temperatures.

8 a. m. . . . . 34  
9 a. m. . . . . 34  
10 a. m. . . . . 35  
11 a. m. . . . . 37  
12 noon . . . . . 44  
1 p. m. . . . . 44

#### Tide Tables.

High tides—7:31 a. m., height 2.3  
2:37 p. m., height 2.8  
Low tides—1:35 a. m., height 0.1  
1:46 p. m., height 0.0

#### Sun and Moon Table.

Sun rises . . . . . 7:21 a. m.  
Sun sets . . . . . 6:02 p. m.  
Moon rises . . . . . 4:31 p. m.  
Moon sets . . . . . 7:03 a. m.  
Light automobile lamps, 5:32 p. m.

## STAGE IS SET FOR CLIMAX OF PROBE

Men of All Types Prepare to Go Before Leak Inquiry Committee Tomorrow.

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the expected appearance in one day of men so widely separated in their daily pursuits. The committee has cut out a day's work that probably will prolong the session far into the afternoon and possibly into the night.

#### Long Drawn Out Session.

Chairman Henry said today that the hearing tomorrow would be long drawn out. The committee plans to meet at 9:30 o'clock.

Here is the list of witnesses who are scheduled to appear of their own volition or by subpoena tomorrow:

Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, who gave to the public the President's peace note on December 20.

Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, who has already indignantly denied any connection with the "leak" or an alleged conference with Barney Baruch, a Wall street operator.

#### Man Who Started Probe.

Thomas W. Lawson, whose charges that members of Congress feared an investigation, stirred up the House and was largely responsible for the adoption of the Wood resolution of inquiry.

Charles Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, whose possible connection with the stock market developments of December 20 has not been as yet disclosed at the preliminary investigation.

W. K. Oleott, a New York attorney, who will bring before the committee, the suggestion of Congressman Gardner, a statement of stock market fluctuations and ticker news service reports on the day of the "bear raid."

#### Correspondents to Appear.

Washington correspondents of the Wall Street Journal, Financial America, and the Central News Association, all of which agencies specialize in financial news. These writers are to be called at the suggestion of Congressman Harrison, who has several times hinted that the leak might have occurred through the ticker services.

With a discretion born of long association with men in public life, these newspaper writers decline to say in advance what their testimony will be. Nor do they feel called upon to issue denials in the absence of definite charges. They cheerfully accepted subpoenas and will produce whatever papers may be desired by the House investigators.

#### Can't Hear All.

It is not believed the commission can hear tomorrow all of the witnesses it has summoned for tomorrow morning.

The House investigation already has taken a wider range than intended for the preliminary inquiry. The Rules Committee at first thought the hearings would end with the testimony of Congressman Gardner and Wood and Thomas W. Lawson. The Wood testimony, however, brought in the names of so many persons in an indefinite way that the committee now has a formidable witness list for the preliminary inquiry—which was ordered to ascertain whether there should be a complete inquiry.

#### Denials on In.

Denials poured in on the committee from members mentioned by Mr. Wood as "rumored" to know something about the leak and the House investigators have been virtually compelled to let down the bars in justice to

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these individuals. Otto Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Secretary Tumulty, Barney Aruch, R. W. Collins, the President's brother-in-law, and members of brokerage houses named have been among those seeking an opportunity to refute the Wood "rumors and reports."

#### Convinced of Some Leak.

Members of the committee are pretty well convinced that in some way astute speculators knew that a peace note was probable in advance of the hour it was given out here. Whether the "leak" was the result of a "hunch" on Wall Street tickler information from Washington, or the infidelity of some one who had heard of the writing of the note, has not been developed.

The Rules Committee is proceeding on the theory that there was a "leak," but it has yet to run down the source of the "leak" and to determine "what are we going to do about it."

## KILLS 1, HURTS 20, TAKES OWN LIFE

Birmingham Man Nearly Wrecks Train When He Commits Suicide.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 7.—When Lewis Walton, of Birmingham, soon to have been tried for the murder of a business associate some time ago, went into the smoking compartment of the Southern Railway Company's "Birmingham Special," and decided to end his life, he not only succeeded, but he killed another passenger, more or less seriously injured a score of others, wrecked the smoker, and blew himself to bits by dropping a small vial of nitroglycerine.

The explosion occurred at Woodlawn Junction, within the city limits. The train was traveling at a slow rate, and the engineer was able to bring it to a standstill within a few feet after the explosion. This probably prevented a disastrous wreck.

J. D. Oliver, of Birmingham was the other man who lost his life in the explosion. J. D. Rison and J. C. Lee, also of Birmingham, are believed to be fatally injured.

Walton recently was tried on a charge of murdering Maurice O. Barton, a business associate. The result was a mistrial. He was preparing to appear in court a second time.

He entered the smoker in the afternoon, and had been there but a few moments when the explosion occurred. The whole car was filled with dense smoke, and it was several minutes before the train crew could force its way through the door into the wrecked compartment. The interior was in shambles; the car windows blown out, and bloody fragments of the victims strewn everywhere. A note found in Walton's pocket told the police to look for important papers in his suitcase.

#### ASKS VOPICKA TO EXPLAIN.

Following the request of the German government that Minister Voipicka be withdrawn from Bucharest, Roumania, Secretary of State Lansing has cabled the diplomat, for an explanation of German charges that he had been guilty of unethical conduct. Minister Voipicka is accredited to Roumania, Bulgaria, and Serbia. He will retain his post pending investigation, but since the Germans hold the Roumanian capital, Voipicka probably will be sent to Jaffa, the present seat of the Roumanian government.

#### Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Sleeping Car To Fairmont.

For the accommodation of patrons to Fairmont and Morgantown, a Sleeping Car Pullman Sleeping Car leaves Washington at 9:05 P. M., arriving Fairmont 5:15 A. M. Passengers may remain in sleeper at Fairmont until 6:45 A. M. arrive Morgantown 7:59 A. M.—Adv.

## JUAREZ MENACED BY VILLA'S ARMY

Troops Encamped Thirty Miles South of City Ready to Attack.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 7.—Juarez is in imminent danger of being attacked by Villistas.

The troops under Generals Manuel Ochoa and F. Dominguez, now encamped at Samalayuca, thirty-one miles south of Juarez, will attack soon.

"That the invading forces will accord absolute respect to the lives and property of natives and foreigners, is the purport of a communication received in El Paso today by an acquaintance of these two generals."

#### Letter From General.

The letter, which was brought to the border by a courier, and is said to be the first communication received in El Paso from a Villa officer since January, 1916, reads, translated, as follows:

"Revolutionary Headquarters, Samalayuca, Chihuahua, Jan., 1917. 'As it is very likely that one of more than one party of armed men operating under us may approach the international boundary and that under pretext that Carranistas, who are now impotent to fight us, but who are very unscrupulous in the matter of accepting outside help, even when this comes from foreigners, would try to make the American authorities believe that such parties come with the purpose of inflicting harm on the residents of that neighboring country, we hereby make known to natives and foreigners alike that all men who operate and fight under our command have no intention like that, as we have ordered them to respect absolutely the inhabitants of both sides of the international line, as to their lives and their property.'"

The note is signed by General Manuel Ochoa and F. Dominguez.

#### Funston On Inspection.

Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, commanding the Southern department, is now on an inspection of all troops on the border with a view of selecting those militiamen to return home who can be relieved when the Pershing expedition is withdrawn from Mexico.

He passed through here last night en route west, where he begins his inspection at Yuma.

For the first time the United States army hospital train is being used. It passed through here yesterday from San Antonio en route west, and reached Nogales today. Troops will be picked up all along the border as this specially constructed Pullman train returns eastward, the patients being for the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

#### French Consul Killed.

That M. Bernadini, French consul at Torreon, was killed by Villa soldiers during the occupation of Torreon is asserted positively by a man who arrived from the interior of Mexico today, despite a Washington dispatch yesterday stating that the State Department believed the report of M. E. Bernadini's death.

#### LOCAL MENTION.

Today, Table d'Hôte Dinner, 5 to 8, \$1.25. Music. Harvey's Famous Restaurant, 11th and Pa. ave.

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## GERMANS ADMIT SHORTAGE IN FOOD

Press Openly Declares Conditions Are Almost Unbearable Now.

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like that airman who, after successfully crossing the Alps, got killed through his machine coming into collision with a tree-top. (This refers to a French flier, Captain de Beauchamp.) Our people should fully comprehend the decisive importance of the hour. When they do that they will surely resolve to fight more effectively than ever to attain victory, oblivious for the time of all discomfort or privation."

The Hamburger Nachrichten says: "Our enemies have discovered that Germany cannot be conquered by force of arms and hence they hope to destroy her economic existence and deprive her forever of independence. It cannot be denied that this plan is more easily realized than our military annihilation. England is adopting preventive measures against our future export trade, the consequences of which, it is feared, will require years to undo. We shall be crushed beneath the burden of war loans and endemities to be paid to the victors of the war, who number millions, and expenditures, civil and military, which will be unavoidable on our return to normal."

#### Economic Expansion the New.

"This burden will be lighter for our enemies than for ourselves, especially for England and Russia. While their immense empires are susceptible of unlimited development, we shall succumb to the overwhelming forces unless the war bring us economic dominion over a very much wider area than we hold at present."

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says:

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tung says: "We do not claim to be able to foretell the future. Our desires are growing more modest, while our aim seems to be disappearing further and further in the distance. Nevertheless, our wishes and hopes will remain with us that our just rights will be won eventually. They must be won if only we place our aspirations on a solid basis of faith that can move mountains. Of more than that no man is capable."

A discussion of the food problem in the Berlin municipal council is described in a dispatch to Reuter's from Berlin by way of Amsterdam. At the end of the discussion two resolutions were adopted, the first introduced by the Socialists demanding uniform distribution of food in the towns and in the country, and the adoption of steps to prevent producers from withholding supplies in order to increase their profits. The second resolution was offered by the Liberals, and condemned the existing restrictions on the buying of supplies by towns.

#### Attacks Food Dietician.

Herr Wuerm, a Socialist, attacked Herr von Batoeki, president of the food regulation board, whose latest circular he described as a complete confession of the impotence of the state before the farmer. He added that even Field Marshal von Hindenburg's appeal to the producers had been useless. Burgomaster Werth spoke pessimistically of Berlin's supplies and said that the official distribution officers had failed to regulate satisfactorily the disbursement of butter and milk. He said supplies continually decline and had become alarmingly low and that the potato situation would be unsatisfactory until February 15. Worst of all, the burgomaster said, were the fluctuations in the various systems, which prevented communities from co-operating successfully.

#### SHOT, NOW HAS PNEUMONIA.

Allen S. Gerns, the man who was supposedly shot by Policeman E. V. Wall of the Fifth precinct for resisting arrest at his home 215 Fourth street southeast Thursday night last, is reported slightly better today at Casualty Hospital. He has developed pneumonia, however, and physicians state his condition is very grave.

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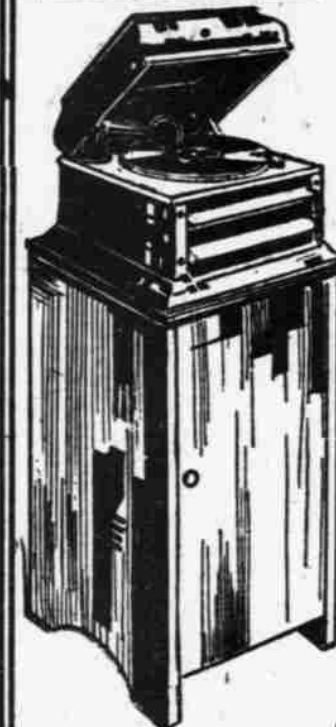
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